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PLACE: STAMSUND

COUNTRY: NORWAY

Population: 600 to 1,000

Province: On Vestvaagby in Lofoten Islands

Date of Observation: 17 Mar. 1951

General Description:

Fishing and fish processing center. Port for considerable road network on Vestvaagby. Rich fishing area especially herring season.

Geographic Description:

Southerly part of Lofoten Islands separated from mainland by Vestfjord. The climate is exceptionally mild for the latitude (68° north). Most of the islands have good hay and dairy farming as well as fishing.

Occupations:

Agricultural

Fishing

Industrial

Dairying, cattle, etc.,  
herring, etc.

Cod, herring, etc. fish processing

Natural Vegetation:

Offshore islands are rock with some tundra and small trees in sheltered spots.

Land Forms and Geology:

Rugged, glaciated, numerous small islands and skerries with inlets and narrow straits.

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Norwegian fishing folk. Villages have surprisingly prosperous looking homes.

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Climate and Weather

Temperatures:  $12^{\circ}$  C

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Precipitation: 2" of snow this afternoon

Clouds: Five-tenths

Other: Wind south. Weather noticeably mild compared with Bodø.

Electric Power:

Source:

Voltage: 230

Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Neighboring islands and used in fishing plants.

Telephone Yes Telegraph Yes Radio Yes TV

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Stamsund To: )

Railway:

None

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : #810 and #820 on local island

Surface Type:

Width :

Seasonal Use: All year.

Underpass :

Note total length of classified roads 55 kms. plus short lengths of by-roads.

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Ferries:

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Location:

Tonnage :

Capacity:

Schedules:

Steamers:

Routing: Express

Local to neighboring islands

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules: Regular north and south bound.

Bus Routes:

All seasons north to Valberg and Hoynes south to Ure and Balstad

Summer:

Winter:

Other Transportation:

MAPS

Title

Scale

Date

Publisher

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
There is probably a good guide books on the Lofoten Islands covering this area.				

PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: 17 Mar. '51 Arrived: 20 hrs.  
Starting Point: Bodø Departed: 22 hrs. 17 Mar. '51  
Distance traveled (in kms): \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicles Used: St. Svithun  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Where stayed: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>T.ph.</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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Photographs:

Purchased locally: None

Taken: Visit during darkness - none

Sketches Made:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
Wharf and nearby settlement (Should be checked from air photos if available)	

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Power</u>
Fish oil & meal based on herring & cod fishing			Diesel oil

Note - For good description of Stamsund fishing industry see "Nordlandposten,"  
March 17, 1951

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## SEAPORTS:

General Comments: Main port for island traffic and for southern Lofoten fishing industry. Good harbor but small.

Cargo Handling:Wharves:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Depth</u>
Main Steamship	At town	Suitable for 2,000 ton ships.
Johansens Wharf	Near fish factory	
Several small fish piers		

Lighters: None

Cranes:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Three hoists to large main warehouse	Small	

Repair Facilities

Machine Shops: Small

Foundries: Doubtful

Dry docks: Minor boat repairs

Salvage gear: No

Supplies Available

Water <u>Yes</u>	Coal <u>Doubtful</u>
Provisions <u>Yes</u>	Oil-Fuel <u>Large tanks</u>
Engineering <u>No</u>	Diesel Fuel <u>" - "</u>
Deck <u>No</u>	

Harbor Information The harbor is too small for the fishing fleet during the season when there are 850 boats and 4,000 men operating. They leave harbor at 6:00 am and return late at night. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ They covered the sea south of Stamsund like fireflies.